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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 1, 1965: Mr. Ernest R. Feidler assumes today the position of Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel of the National Gallery of Art.

Mr. Feidler, born in Superior, Wisconsin, in 1910, was graduated from the Superior Central High School with honors in 1926, and received his Bachelor of Education degree magna cum laude from Wisconsin State College in 1930. At the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, he was Editor-in-Chief of the Wisconsin Law Review, receiving the Salmon Dalberg Prize and the Order of the Coif, graduating cum laude in 1934. He subsequently was a Sterling Fellow in Law at the Yale University Law School, 1934-35.

From 1935 to 1943 Mr. Feidler served in the Department of the Treasury, rising to the highest professional grade, and leaving as Assistant to the General Counsel. During subsequent years he has held various positions on the legal staff of the Treasury Department, including Chief Counsel for the Treasurer and Disbursing Officer, and Chief of the Opinions Section in charge of drafting all formal opinions of the General Counsel.

During World War II he held ranks of Lt. Commander and Commander in the U. S. Coast Guard, serving in the North African, European and American theaters. He received two battle stars and a Commandant's commendation, as well as a commendation letter from his Commanding Officer in the European theater.

From 1946 to 1951 he was Secretary and General Counsel of the

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A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, and also served as Secretary of the Old Dominion Foundation, and as Secretary and a Trustee of the Bollingen Foundation.

During the Korean War he held ranks of Commander and Captain in the United States Coast Guard, serving as Aide to the Secretary of the Treasury, and as a Treasury Department Representative on the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security of the National Security Council. He was a member and later President of the first United States Coast Guard Board of Review for Military Justice.

From 1954 to the present he has been Administrator of the National Gallery of Art, in charge of personnel, security, and maintenance, operation, and administration of the Gallery.

In 1961 he was promoted to Rear Admiral in the United States Coast Guard Reserve, becoming the only flag officer in the Coast Guard Reserve, and the second in its history.

Mr. Feidler is the author of various articles in legal and military publications, and is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and of the State of Wisconsin, and has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, and each of the specialized Federal Courts.

In 1936 Mr. Feidler married the former Lydia Keown. He lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Feidler's successor as Administrator of the National Gallery of Art is Mr. E. James Adams, formerly the Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, and General Counsel. Mr. Adams, born in Los Angeles in 1916, was educated in California, Chicago, and the Cleveland Heights High School. He received his A.B. degree from

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the University of Michigan in 1938, and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1941. He worked at the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company from 1938-1942. From 1942-46 he served in the United States Coast Guard, in the North African, European, Pacific and American theaters. He received five battle stars, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Bronze Star.

After the war Mr. Adams joined the Office of the General Counsel in the U. S. Treasury Department, and in 1950 he came to the National Gallery of Art as Assistant Secretary and General Counsel.

In 1941 he married the former Kathryn P. Johnson, and they have three children, Linda (Mrs. Russell Bronstein), Douglas, and Brian. He lives in Rockville, Maryland.

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